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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sarah Al-Hashimi

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/22/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Oath/Declaration

1. It does not identify the mailing address of each inventor. A mailing address is an address at which an inventor customarily receives his or her mail and may be either a home or business address. The mailing address should include the ZIP Code designation. The mailing address may be provided in an application data sheet or a supplemental oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.63(c) and 37 CFR 1.76.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1&2** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bähler 5,075,195.

Claim 1: Bähler teaches a method for applying a marking to an object to be marked by irradiating a laser beam onto said object (abstract “method of laser marking plastics objects”), comprising the steps of: preparing an object to be marked that is made of a material of PTFE (col 2, line 18 and 29 “the plastics material may comprise.. polytetrafluoroethylene); irradiating a laser beam onto said object to be marked to alter the state of only an irradiated surface of the PTFE (abstract “object to be marked contains a radiation-sensitive additive which effects a change in the light reflectance”); and forming a marking with a white-based color on the irradiated surface of the PTFE so

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that the irradiated surface exhibits a color tone different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE (col 3 line27 "add colourant..to the plastics object" and line 35 "additional colourants are inorganic" and line 38 "inorganic pigments are white pigments").

Claim 2: Bäßler teaches a product marked by a method for applying a marking to an object (col 1 lines 1-3 "invention relates ..to the material so marked") to be marked by irradiating a laser beam onto said object (abstract "method of laser marking plastics objects"), comprising the steps of: preparing an object to be marked that is made of a material of PTFE (col 2, line 18 and 29 "the plastics material may comprise.. polytetrafluoroethylene); irradiating a laser beam onto said object to be marked to alter the state of only an irradiated surface of the PTFE (abstract "object to be marked contains a radiation-sensitive additive which effects a change in the light reflectance"); and forming a marking with a white-based color on the irradiated surface of the PTFE so that the irradiated surface exhibits a color tone different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE (col 3 line27 "add colourant..to the plastics object" and line 35 "additional colourants are inorganic" and line 38 "inorganic pigments are white pigments").

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah Al-Hashimi whose telephone number is 571 272 7159. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on 571 272 2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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